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If there is any mistake in the Minutes please look over them for the Secretary has done the best he could with what he had, while the Secretary thinks this was the best session we ever have held, trusting that each Church will start now and work until the next session to make it the banner session.

VOTE OF THANKS TO THE ST. PHILLIPS CHURCH.

Whereas the good people of St. Phillips church have been so good and kind in taking care of the delegation of this august body. We heartily tender our heart felt thanks to them giving them our prayers and best wishes for their success in the future.

Submitted by the Secretary.

PROCEEDINGS

HUNTERSVILLE, N. C., Oct. 1, 1914.

The Forty-sixth Annual Session of the Mt. Peace Missionary Baptist Association of Western North Carolina met Oct. 1, 1914 with the St. Philips Baptist Church at Huntersville, N. C.

The Association opened at 9:30 A. M. Praise service was led by Revs. A. Jones and T. Barnwell. Rev. Jones lined hymn No. 5 C. M., Rev. Barnwell read a part of second Corinthians. Prayer was offered by Bro. P. R. Surratt, after which the brethren sang No 138, at the same time a good old time hand shake taken place, after which Rev. M. Beam offered a most fervent prayer. Several good old songs was sung, Rev. P. F. Maloy, D. D. offered prayer.

Dr. Maloy suggested that we have some remaks from the brethren, Dr. Maloy was first to speak, he told of his past years work in the field, he said many was converted under his preaching during the past year, Rev. A. Jones and Rev. T. Barnwell also made a good talk and Rev. M. Beam and others after which the Moderator announced the house ready for business. At this time the Executive Board made its report by motion, the report was adopted.

Time for the welcome address having arrived, the pastor, Rev. Wm. Neely arose and delivered a most cordial welcome to the Ministers and Delegates. The address was responded to by Rev. J. B. Johnson, he said that he would assure him that our deportment would be that which becomes the people of God.

By motion the enrollment was deferred until later, and the Introduction Sermon takeu the place. Rev. J. D. Massey accompanied by Rev. McCree taken the stand. Rev. McCree lined hymn No. 189 C. M., which was very delightful. Rev. Massey read the 8th Chapter of Second Corinthians. Prayer

was offered by Rev. McCree, after which the Moderator arose and introduced the speaker Rev. J. D. Massey, who arose and announced his text from the second chapter of Pauls Letter to Titus and 8th verse, he made his subject deliverance, the man of God stood and proclaimed the great need of being delivered from the ways of sin, and brought to Jesus Christ, he said that was the only way to enter into Life Eternal, his sermon was very instructive and full of logic, after which prayer by Dr. P. F. Maloy.

The Moderator then introduced Dr. Maloy to the body as Principal of the W. U. A., then the doctor arose and made some very helpful remarks for the cause of Christ and his people. Rev. G. L. McCree also made a good talk. At this time Rev. E. T. Millings brought the sad news of the death of Brother Smith's wife, one of the delegates to the Association at which time the Moderator ask that the brethren bow and offer a prayer in the behalf of Bro. Smith, Rev. T. Barnwell led in prayer. After which the Committee on Enrollment was appointed, Rev. Wm. McCauly, Bro. J. H. Brice and Bro. A. McKnight.

Time for dinner a collection was lifted to the amount of $1.75 by Rev. T. Barnwell and Rev. A. Jones.

Benediction by Rev. E. T. Millings.

FIRST DAY—Afternoon Session.

2 P. M. Praise service was conducted by Bro. R. J. Davidson and Bro. G. H. Wilson. Bro. Davidson lined and sang hymn No. 139 C. M. "There is a Fountain Filled With Blood," etc. Bro. G. H. Wilson read a part of the third chapter of Matthew. Prayer was offered by Bro. Daniel McClain, another hymn was sung "Come ye that love the Lord," etc. Prayer was offered again by Rev. E. T. Millings, the congregation sang "Before I be a Slane," etc. Rev. J. O. Russell led in prayer.

At this time Sister L. B. Neal, who represents the Winston

Orphanage was introduced to the body, after which the roll was called and fees collected from Ministers and Delegates, $17.75 was raised.

The Minutes of the forenoon session was read and adopted, by motion the nomination of all Committees was approved. On motion that Sister L. B. Neal be given space to-night after service to present her work.

Time for the Moderators address, the congregation sang a most delightful song, then the Moderator Rev. R. D. Harris asked the Vice-President to take the chair. The Moderator came forward in a very pious manner; he delivered an admirable address, many helpful thoughts were presented and many recommendations offered, after Presidents Address Dr. P. F. Maloy arose and made some very helpful remarks on the Presidents Address, on motion the address was submitted to the Committee on Resolutions.

The Committee on officers was asked to retire, at which time the body taken recess for ten minutes.

After which the Committee on officers made their report, by motion the report was adopted, (see report). The Treasurer's and auditors report was called for, report was adopted.

Time for adjournment, benediction by Dr. P. F. Maloy.

FIRST DAY—Evening Session.

7:30 P. M. praise service led by Bro. J. M. Hill and Bro. T. H. Grice. Bro. Hill lined and sang hymn No. 338 C. M., Bro. Grice read a Scripture lesson from the 20th Chapter of Matthew. Prayer was offered by Bro. J. B. Warren after singing "I am Going to treat every body right," etc.

Time for the Doctrinal Sermon Rev. T. J. Pearl accompanied by Rev. M. McDaniel who lined hymn No. 148. Rev. Pearl read the 6th Chapter of Matthew, prayer was offered by Rev. McDaniel. "I am leaning on Jesus was sung." The Moderator arose and introduced Rev. T. J. Pearl, the appointee, he taken for his text the 18th verse of the 16th

chapter of Matthew. The speaker made his discourse very strong and full of instruction, he said the church could not fall because it was built on a rock and that rock was Christ, and God wanted men that was willing to die for Him and His cause, he said many helpful things in his sermon. "We are climbing Jacobs Ladder," etc., was sung. Prayer was offered by Rev. J. B. Johnson.

A collection was raised to the amount of $2.55.

The choir rendered some delightful music.

The Moderator then introduced Sister L. B. Neal, the agent for the Winston Orphanage who came forward and in a very short but brief way told the great need of some help to build a house for the children at the Orphans Home in Winston, $5.15 was raised for that purpose and turned over to Sister Neal. On motion that $5.15 was supplemented and made $10.00 after some good remarks by the brethren.

Benediction by Rev. J. O. Russell.

SECOND DAY—Morning Session.

9:30 A. M. Praise service conducted by Bro. G. H. Wilson and Bro. T. J. Floyd, who lined and sang hymn No. 142. G. H. Wilson read 7th chapter of John. Prayer was offered by McKnight. The President read the 3rd chapter and 13th verse of Colossians and admonished the brethren to take that Scripture for their guide.

The house was announced ready for business. On motion the Minutes was read and adopted. By motion the letters was called for and read before house. On motion the adoption of the letters was deferred until the Committee on Grievance made their report. After the Committee on Grievance made their report, the matter was turned back to the church (Gold Hill) with the proper instructions, after which a resolution was offered by Rev. W. A. Roberts. By motion the resolution was turned to Committee on Resolutions.

Time for the Topic: The Deacon and his Sphere, was taken

up, Dr. P. F. Maloy was introduced who came forward and in most simple way told all about the Deacons work and his place, and said the Deacon must know that he was just a servant of the church and not a boss.

After which Rev. W. C. Sanders and Bro. Wilson Watts lifted a collection to the amount of $1.80.

Benediction by Rev. S. N. Davidson.

SECOND DAY—Afternoon Session.

2:20 P. M. Prayer service led by Revs. M. Beam, Wm. Meeks. Rev. Meeks lined hymn No. 126, Rev. Beam read 8th verse of 122 Psalms. Prayer was offered by Rev. Meeks after which the congregation sang "Drinking of the Wine," etc.

The Moderator announced the house ready for business. By motion the first order was deferred and some reports was called for.

The Committee on New Churches made their report. The report was adopted. (See Report.)

Committee on Corresponding Messengers made their report. Was adopted. (See Report.)

Committee on Temperance made their report. Report was adopted. (See Report.)

At this time Rev. G. W. Watkins was introduced to the body.

Committee on Executive Board made their report. It was adopted. (See Report.)

Committee on Ordaining Council made their report. It was adopted. (See Report.)

Cammittee on Education reported. Report was adopted. (See Report.)

Committee on Time and Place made their report. On motion the report was adopted. (See Report.)

Committee on Obituary reported On motion the report was adopted. (See Report.)

At this time business was suspended three minutes in token of the deceased, Rev. B. Ransom rnd Bro. G. W. Hoffman, the Ex-Treasurer of the Mt. Peace Association.

At this time the memorial service taken place. Rev. C. F. Gingles arose and spoke very timely of the life of Bro. Hoffman, he said he knew Bro. Hoffman for many years and he was just the same man every time he met him, he spoke very highly of him as a Christian and a father. Also Rev. W. A. Roberts spoke of many good traits concerning him as a citizen, also as a Christian. Also Rev. J. D. Massey said he had a very good knowledge of Bro. Hoffman and he scarcely ever found a man like him.

Rev. A. Jones spoke on the life of Rev. B. Ransom. Rev. Jones said he not only knew Rev. Ransom a long time but had been preaching with him from time to time for forty years, and said that Rev. Ransom and himself was together in laying the foundation of this Association, and many ups and downs they had together in their travelling through the mountains and always stood as a Christian gentleman, Rev. E. T. Millings said many good things to his credit. Also Bro. P. R. Surratte made a short talk on the life of Rev. Ransom.

After which Rev. J. W. Watkins was called on to speak on the Topic of the Churches Greatest Broad Outlook. The speaker held the congregation spell bound for one hour, he give many points showing the great outlook of the church. Rev. W. A. Roberts also made some encouraging remarks.

On motion that the Association donate something to the widow of Bro. G. W. Hoffman for a monument, in token of the respect they had for him as Treasurer of the Association. Motion carried.

Time for adjournment, Rev. E. T. Millings lifted a collection to the amount of $1.00.

By motion of one dollar was given to Rev. Watkins.

Benediction by Rev. Watkins.

SECOND DAY—Evening Session.

7:30 P. M. Praise service conducted by Bro. Hamp Wilson, Bro. Robert Holland. First hymn "Beloved we are the Sons of God," etc. Scripture lesson was taken from St. Lukes Gospel, prayer was offered by Bro. Hamp Wilson. Second hymn, "Oh the Blood," etc was sung, prayer was offered again by Rev. J. T. Williams.

After which Rev. C. J. Gingles accompanied by Rev. J. H. Hall ascended the rostrum. Rev. J. H. Hall lined hymn No. 5 L. M. Dr. Maloy read the 9th chapter of Proverbs, prayer was offered by Rev. S. N. Davidson. Second hymn No. 555 C. M. was sung most delightful. After which the President arose and introduced Rev. C. F. Gingles, the appointee for the Educational Sermon. Rev. Gingles taken his text 2nd chapter of Timothy and 15th verse, subject: Education. The speaker said first of all education meant to draw out, the speaker said we must educate to reach the highest usefulness in life, the power to think must guide in doing, must get knowledge and wisdom from God, the greatest wisdom is the fear of God. We as Baptist must better inform ourselves in order to serve the cause, our Ministers must be better educated in the learning from God, etc. The sermon was clear, practical and strong.

After which the President introduced Dr. Maloy, the Principal of the W. U. A. who arose and made a lasting appeal to the Asssociation to educate.

A collection was raised to the amount of $11.15.

After which Rev. J. H. Hall was introduced to the Association.

Committee on Finance made their report. By motion the report was adopted. (See Report.)

Committee on Appropriations reported. By motion the report was adopted by Sections. (See Report.)

Time to adjourn, benediction by Rev. J. T. Williams.

THIRD DAY—Morning Session.

9:30 A. M. Praise service led by Bros. Adam Brown, G. W. Hoffman, Jr. Bro. Hoffman lined hymn No. 164. Scripture lesson was taken from the 4th chapter of Corinthians 14th verse, prayer was offered by Bro. G. W. Hoffman. After which the Moderator announced the house ready for business. By motion the Minutes was read and adopted.

At this time Mt. Hebron Church made a request for help. By motion the request was deferred for later consideration.

On motion all the brethren that wished to leave for home was excused.

Committee on Finance made their report in full. By motion the report was adopted.

On motion the Association gave Mt. Hebron Church $2.50.

Time for dinner, benediction by Rev. Wm. McCauly.

THIRD DAY—Afternoon Session.

Met at 2 P. M. Praise service was led by Rev. E. W. Debose, who lined and sang hymn No. 158 C. M., prayer was offered by Bro. M. W. Wallace.

After which the Vice-President announced the house ready for business. Rev. J. H. Hall was given space here to represent his educational work. He first gave a history of his school, Friendship College, Rock Hill, S. C., he made a good talk by the way of instruction, and spoke largely of the great need of education. Rev. H. H. Wilson, the Secretary, responded to Rev. Halls speech.

On motion that the Secretary draft a vote of thanks to the St. Phillips Church for her kindness and hospitality toward the delegation of the Association.

After which Rev. J. T. Williams came forward and spoke on the subject of Christian Baptism, the speaker told what Christian Baptism was in its truest sense, and he brought out many good things pertaining to Baptism, his argument was very pointed and full of logic.

The Association adjourned to meet with the Mt. Moriah Baptist Church at Matthews, N. C., about 12 or 14 miles east of Charlotte on the Seaboard Railroad.

Benediction by Rev. Wm. McCauley.

REV. H. H. WILSON, Secretary.

PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS.

Officers, Messengers and Brethren of Mt Peace Missionary Baptist Association of Western North Carolina and Northern South Carolina, Greeting:

Forty-six years ago our fathers called together a combination of Churches and organized this body which has had many changes in names and times of meeting. But we are called together to-day to celebrate the Forty-sixth Anniversary of this united body known as the Mt. Peace Association. Two in one is the name accepted by the united brotherhood of a given streak of churches doting from Huntersville to Gastonia; from Iron to Matthews, touching South Carolina by Clover. As we meet to sing the praise of God for his providential blessings shown we listen and lo two voices are not heard, for it has pleased the Almighty God in his all wise providence to call from labor to reward two of our members, viz: Rev. B. Ransom from the ministerial rank whose life long labor with his works following him. In the last charge to the young men, let not the ministry be blamed for bringing shame and disgrace upon the cause of Christ which we represent but watch and be laborers in all things. G. W. Hoffman, our faithful Treasurer who for more than 30 years carried our money and settled our claims without a murmur or complaint, fell from the officeship of Treasurer of this grand body with the motto upon all lips: He was honest in all his dealings. Dallas Church lost a good officer and member in her business. Gone but not forgotten, his memory we cherish with father B. Ransom. All may in their hearts join me by saying to the father of Spirits, Thy will be done.

Dear co-laborers together with Christ another mile post in our history is reached under and by the beneficent hand of God who leads all who are willing to follow from conquest to victory. We have met where the place is consecrated by the blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord, and dedicated to His names honor and glory, by a congregation known as the St. Philips Baptist Church. While the great nations of the old world, spurred on by pride, envy and politicial ambition are destroying themselves by a useless and horribly cruel war. We meet to-day in the name of the "Prince of Peace" whose kingdom is founded on universal brotherhood of men, for the express purpose of emphasizing the great proclamation announced at the birth of our Saviour by the angelic herald "Peace on earth and good will toward men," and in spite of the madness anger of men whose influenced passions would drive them to drench the world in blood and burn to ashes the thousands of Churches erected during the centuries by Christian benevolence and dedicated to

the God of love. I cannot believe that the salt has lost its savor and that Christianity is doomed to be a miserable failure for Christ must reign over all.

Our Associational field Brethren is it at the standard it should be, if not why? We seem very distant and cold toward each other, we do not meet often enough and discuss the good of our churches and people. The spirit that now exist amongst us is hatred, which is murder in the first degree. Can we long endure at this rate? I think not. Let us have more of the old fashion hand shaking and face to face talk about Christ, His church and how to save sinners. We very often feel when we have defeated one another, we have accomplished a great work, but you have only succeeded in damning a soul to an eternal hell of which God will require at your hand in the last day.

LOCAL AND STATE MISSIONS.

We come to one of the vital relations of an Association to the State work Brethren. Has the work of the Educational State Convention been brought before your Church since we adjourned, if not how can we expect to know their share of the work? We appeal to the ministers because you have the people, we hope that there will be a better spirit of Missions awakened amongst our people to cultivate a willingness to give outside of the needed support of the incidental expenses of our Churches. It is true we are to build Churches in needed places and preach the gospel to our pastorage. But listen, we never think of the State work except they send a man to look after us in regard of State Mission Brethren—We are to intelligent to wait on any man to come to teach us and our people, our relations to the objects named in the frame of our Constitution. So let the fire of Missions burn in our hearts.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The claims of the heathen world is upon us by the great commission of Christ, the great law giver in Zion, the whole fact is: Its given to the preachers more than to any body else, for he said to them: "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature," it has never been revoked, it will stand until He shall come again to reap the harvest of the world. Shall we answer Lord I gave in support of the Foreign field to Bro. Thomas or Boone and others who represented North Carolina in Africa and join them in the triumphal song "Crown Him Saviour Lord of all."

EDUCATION.

Brethren, Education means to development and expansion of a trained mind, no man is crowned except he strive lawfully. As I passed down to Belmont, N. C., to join our Brother in a series of meeting I

heard the art of two master minds, the Commissioners of Mecklenburg and Gaston Counties. They considered in their minds that the Catawba river could spread so as to unite the commercial relation between the two counties, they thereupon invited a man of Virginia who was acquainted with the art of concrete to sit in council with them, the final results reached a massive concrete bridge expanding the river, abolishing the old ferry plan in the days of the fathers which tells us the true value of Education. Education means discoveries, inventions, both ending into greater advantage of life. So let us be encouraged to struggle on with the W. U. Academy until our struggle shall reapen into a glorious honor to the fathers and the generation that shall live after us that our lives and labor spent was not in vain. So depend not too much on any man for advice but strike out on the sea of business. To learn the art of sailing is to take for your guide the star of self reliance, leave the shore of selfishness, sail for success and God on board you will reach the heaven of success.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

CORRESPONDING MESSENGERS.

To State Convention . . . . . Rev. R. D. Harris
To Mountain Catawba Association . . . . . Rev. Wm. Neely
To Sandy River Association . . . . . Rev. J. B. Johnson
To Lane Creek Association . . . . . Rev. S. J Jones
To Educational Union . . . . . Rev. A. Jones

OBITUARY

Whereas it has pleased the Almighty God to take out of our field and from our ranks Rev. B. Ransom of Springfield Church, Stanly, N. C., and Bro. G. W. Hoffman of Dallas Church, Dallas, N. C., and others. Therefore be it resolved that we bow and submit to the will of Him that doeth all things well. Resolve, Further that a page be left sacred to the memory of the sacred dead.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

Since the church of God is the ground and pillar of truth, and the Gospel styles it the light of the world. We recommend the following:

That this Association regard strong drink in the form of whiskey, wine, beer and hard cider, used as a beverage, contrary to God's Word, and at the same time destructive to our homes, ruinous to good morals and manners, and a curse to people, and we recommend that our church members refrain from drink and use their influence to destroy and drive it from among us.

We futher recommend that our Ministers set the example of Temperance for all our people, by steadily practising Temperance themselves.

We recommend Temperance in dress, conversation and in public amusement. We urge that our Ministers refuse to use tobacco, which sets a bad example before our children, and the same time tobacco goes on the list of intemperance practices.

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

Whereas we find that leadership is the hope of any people and that Christian leadership is the strength and hope of our denomination. And whereas this kind of leadership can only be hopefully accomplished through denominational schools of our own and by the helpful patronage of the people composing our denomination.

We recommend that each church and pastor in the bounds of our Association take special interest in sending students to the Western Union Academy. We have there 22 acres of well cultivated land, three

splendid buildings, barns and out houses, and an able Principal and excellent set of teachers which is a guarantee to all who may attend said school, that they will have such attention offered them to be found at any other school of the kind.

We futher recommend that our Ministers take the advantage offered them for the study of the Gospel Ministry which mak s a new era in history of the school. Dr. Maloy, the Principal will meet every demand for our preachers to improve their Bible Studies.

TIME AND PLACE.

The next sitting of the Association will be held with the Mt. Moriah Baptist Church, Matthews, N. C., on Thursday after the Fourth Lord's day in September, 1915, at 10 A. M. Rev. W. A. Roberts will preach the Introductory Sermon.

Doctrinal Sermon—Rev. W. M. McCauly.

Educational Sermon—Rev. P. F. Maloy, D. D.

Missionary Sermon—Rev. G. L. McCree.

RESOLUTIONS.

We recommend that the Presidents address go down on the Minutes. Also recommend that the Resolution offered by Rev. W. A. Roberts go down on the Minutes.

RESOLUTIONS.

Whereas we have an opportunity to improve our Bible study through Bible Institutes, a plan offered to the Association by Dr. P. F. Maloy, Principal of the Western Union Academy, and that these institutes will serve as a school on wheels, to many of the Pastors who find it wholly impossible to attend any Theological School. Resolve, That we highly endorse this plan, and endeavor to hold one Bible Institute in the bounds of the Association once every three months, and that a Preachers Union be held annually at whatever time and place the Union may select.

REV. W. A. ROBERTS

EXECUTIVE BOARD.

On July the 14th 1914, the Board met at Springfield and appointed Bro. J. F. Derr, Treasurer to fill the vacancy of Bro. G. W. Hoffman, to be confirmed at the Association on the first day of Oct. 1914, the Board set on Rev. L. W. Wertz' case and reported everything was made satisfactory.

FINANCE

Received from Churches	$166.55
Received from Ministers and Delegates	17.75
Public collections	21.40
Received from all sources a total of	$205.60

APPROPRIATION

President	$ 7.50
Vice-President	2.00
Recording Secretary	11.00
Corresponding Secretary	2.00
Treasurer	2.00
Auditor	1.00
Aged Ministers	10.00
Western Union Academy	100.00
State Convention	8.00
Foreign Missions	4.00
Winston Orphanage	10.00
Sister G. W. Hoffman, for monument	5.00
Mt. Hebron Church	2.50
Rev. Watkins	1.00
Sexton	3.00
Total paid out	$169.00

HONOR ROLL.

Dr. P. F. Maloy	$1.00
Rev. R. D. Harris	1.00
Rev. H. H. Wilson	1.00
Rev. S. J. Jones	1.00
Rev. Wm. Neely	1.00
Rev. M. McDaniel	1.00
Rev. T. Barnwell	1.00
Rev. A. Jones	1.00
Rev. J. O. Russell	.25
Rev. R. J. Davidson	.25
Rev. J. W. Floyd	.25
Bro. J. S. Read	1.00
Bro. J. M. Hill	1.00
Bro. J. F. Deer	.50
Bro. Adam Brown	.25
Bro. McKeever	.25
Bro. Robert Holland	.25
Bro. Wm. G. Brown	.25
Bro. L. W. Watson	.25
Sister Lula McNealy	.25
Sister Annie Morrow	.25
Sister Torance	.25
Sister Lonie Davidson	.25

After sitting of Association, President rec'd from St. Paul Church	$1.10
From Gethsemane Church	1.50
Total	$2.60
The Secretary received from Mt. Olive Church	3.55
Total	$6.15

STATISTICAL TABLE.

We your Committe on Statistics ask to make the following report:

CHURCHES	CLERKS AND POSTOFFICE	PASTORS	Preaching Sundays	Received by Baptism	Rec'd by Letter	Restored	Lost by Death	Excluded	Present Membership	Value of ch. Property	Money raised for expenses	Pastor's Salary	Missions	Education	Charity	Total to Association	Total
Salem	R. J. Davidson, R. 6 Box 63, Charlotte	R. D. Harris	2	24	1	3	2	2	110	$1500	$ 24 00	$225 00	$ 5 00	$2 00	$ 8 00	$11 00	$225 00
Oak Grove	Wm. Byers, Harrisburg, N. C.	S. J. Jones	1	3	16	7	1			42	450	25 00				4 20	100 00
Mt. Vernon	Wm. Deck, Iron, N. C.	C. F. Gingles	2	4	30	1	1	3		100	1200	16 50	200 00	8 25	8 00	3 00	10 00	300 25
Fancy Hill	O. A. Carpenter, Iron, N. C.	S. J. Jones		2	2					30	425	25 00					3 00	75 00
Mt. Pisgah	Brightie Muskelly, Gastonia, N. C.	J. B. Johnson	1	3	15	8	8	4	5	100	1500	30 00	200 00	1 00	1 00	50	10 00	450 00
Mt. Pleasant	J. M. W. Grier, Belmont, N. C.	Wm. McCauley	2	4	16		8			100	1500	58 55	200 00				10 00	417 50
Mt. Moriah	E. S. Leeper, Belmont, N. C.	Wm. McCauley	1	3	9	1	6	2	6	77		7 14	200 00	1 25		12 00	7 70	300 00
Mt. Hebron	C. H. Gingle, Gastonia. N. C.	T. J. Pearl	2	4	23	1	2		2	51	200	126 56	175 00	6 50		2 00	5 10	107 85
Chapel Hill	S. Rhynehart, Huntersville, N. C.	Wm. Neely	1	3	13	1			1	21	100	75 00	35 00				2 10	75 00
Springfield	Wm. G. Brown, Stanly, N. C.	R. D. Harris	1	3	2		4	4	2	100	2500	30 00	225 00	3 00		4 00	10 00	300 00
Mt. Calvary	Helen Loyd, Charlotte, N. C.	M. McDaniel	1	234	10	5	2	4			1800	5 00	350 00	5 00	1 50	2 00	2 00	525 50
Pleasant Grove	J. W. Floyd, Clover, S. C.	S. N. Davidson	1	3	8	1		1		40	2500	4 50		9 00	2 00	3 00	4 00	290 00
Mt. Zion	J. C. Crawford, Belmont, N. C.	L. W. Wertz	2	4		1				39	5000	9 25	165 00			1 05	3 90	101 74
N. Providence	C. Gregory, Mt. Holly, N. C.	R. B Gill	1	3	2		6	2		40	600	1 40	106 00			9 90	4 00	123 57
Gethsemane	M. Jaggers, Gastonia; N. C.	G. W. Crosby	2	4	5		2			20	280	3 00				5 00	2 00	100 00
Mt. Carmel	D. T. Rankin, Mt. Holly, N. C.	W. A. Roberts	1	3	4		6	2	3	80	1000		200 00	1 75			8 00	256 80
Mt. Calvary	H. L. Robins, Lowell, N. C.	G. L. McCree	1	3	2	1	1		1	20	1000	20 00	150 00	4 00	7 00	1 50	2 00	184 50
Mt. Calvary	J. M. Hoffman, Gastonia, N, C.	J. D. Massey	1	3	8	5	1		2	50	2500	77 46	240 00			10 00	5 00	615 32
Bethel	C. A. McVea, Mt. Holly, N. C.	J. D. Massey		4	15		1	2	6	60	375	16 00		5 00	4 00	2 75	6 00	264 83
Galilee	T. Barber, Charlotte, N. C.	J. O. Russel	1	3	20	5	5	1	3	70	1200	9 00	200 00			10 00	7 00	226 00
St. Philip	O. B. Brown, Huntersville, N. C.	Wm. Neely	1	3	4		2		1	29	700	9 00	175 00	2 00	1 00		2 90	178 41
Shady Grove	M. L. Jones, Bessemer City, N. C.	Wm. Meeks	2	4	21	2			2	30	300	7 00	100 00	2 00	3 00	1 00	3 00	150 00
Gold Hill	J. H. Morrison, Stanly, N. C.	R. B. Gill	2	4	11		2	4	2	30	2500	188 00	135 00				3 00	285 00
Mt. Carmel	A. Alexander, Charlotte, N. C.		2	4	16	4	4	3	2	87	1200	75 00	200 00				8 70	283 70
Smithfield	J. B. Alexander. Charlotte. N. C.	Wm. Neely	2	4	9	1	4			57	200	22 00	130 00	1 00	7 00	3 00	5 70	400 00
Macedonia	O. McDowell, Mt. Holly, N. C.	S. N. Davidson	2	4	13					25							1 50	
Mt. Moriah	E. D. Perry, Matthews, N. C.	T. J. Pearl	2	4	9			1	21	44	2000	11 00	200 00		3 00	4 00	4 40	211 40
Mt. Olive	Mrs. Rosa Graham, Huntersville, N. C.	J. T. Williams	1	3	24	3	2	1	20	34	2000	45 00	150 00	13 00		15 00	3 40	
Mt. Calvary	Minnie Conner, Charlotte' N. C.		1	3	2		4		1	22	45	26 00	45 00			1 50	2 20	
Rock Grove	Tearie Robinson, Huntersville, N. C.	E. W. Debose	1	3	2	5	1		1	11	150	12 00	75 00				1 10	
Piney Grove	A. J. Elijah, Newells, N. C.	W. C. Sanders	1	3						26							1 50	
Dallas	J. F. Humphrey, Dallas, N. C.	C. F. Gingles	1	3	12												15 00	
St. Paul	Cary Black, R. 6, Box 82, Charlotte, N C			1	5	4			2	11							1 10	
Gethsemane	C. Young, 911 S. Church St. Charlotte	J. Barnes	1	3				1		15							1 50	

CONSTITUTION.

We, The Missionary Baptist Church of Western North Carolina, having been regularly baptized on a profession of faith in Christ, and being convinced of the necessity of a combination of Churches, in order to promote the cause of Christ among men, do agree to the following Constitution:

ARTICLE 1.—This organization shall be known as the Mt. Peace Missionary Baptist Association of Western North Carolina.

ART. 2.—This body shall be composed of Ministers and Delegates of Baptist Churches in good and regular standing with the denominations, and in full practice of the faith and doctrines held by the Missionary Baptists. All ministers pastoring churches associated with this Association shall be regarded as members with all privileges.

ART. 3.—The object of this Association shall be to extend the Kingdom of Christ among men by preaching the Gospel, organizing churches and building meeting houses in needy fields in the bounds of this Association. To do State, Home and Foreign Mission work, and to cooperate with other Baptist organizations, in the best plans of labor for the religious and educational development of Western North Carolina, especially the fostering of Western Union Academy.

ART. 4.—All visiting ministers belonging to the regular Baptist Denomination in good standing may become members of this body by paying 50 cents annually.

ART. 5.—All aged ministers living in the bounds of the Association formerly pastors in its bounds are members with all privileges, but with exactions upon them.

ART. 6.—The officers of this Association shall be Moderator, Vice-Moderator, Recording Secretary, Cor. Secretary, Treasurer, Auditor, Executive Board, Ordaining Council, and such other Committees as may be deemed necessary, all of whom shall be elected annually, hold and discharge the duties of their office until their successor is elected.

ART. 7.—This Association shall have no right to infringe upon the sovereignity of a church as a body.

ART. 8.—If a church becomes disorderly or corrupt, the Association shall through a Committee, or otherwise endeavor to restore it to a healthful state; and if unsuccessful shall withdraw the hand of friendship from it.

ART. 9.—Each Church shall send annually not more than two delegates and its pastor to the Association.

ART. 10.—All Visiting Ministers and Corresponding Delegates and Brethren shall be received by the Moderator extending the hand of welcome and introducing them to the body.

ART. 11.—Any new church may become a member of this body by the payment of $1.50 or more when recommended by a committee on new churches.

ART. 12.—Any church may continue its membership in this Association by paying ten cents per member, annually for each of its members to be used for the Constitutional objects of this Association.

ART. 13.—Each minister belonging to this Association shall pay annually 50 cents and each delegate 25 cents.

ART. 14.—Any church may withdraw from this Association if in good standing, by first making such desire.

ART. 15.—The Ordaining Council shall ordain no minister except he has a fair knowledge of the Baptist Church Directory, Pendleton's Christian Doctrine and the common school branches.

ART. 16.—This Constitution may be amended by a two-thirds vote at any meeting of this body.

BY-LAWS.

ARTICLE 1.—The deliberations of this body shall be governed by the rules of Parliament as laid down in Hiscox's Church Directory.

ART. 2.—Each session of this Association shall be opened with devotional services conducted by the Moderator or some one appointed by him.

ART. 3.—No one shall leave the Association to go home without permission from the body.

ART. 4.—All members must use courtesy of speech and obey the rules of decorum as laid down in Hiscox's Church Directory.

ART. 5.—All members should be in their seats at the opening of each session. Those failing without a lawful excuse shall be subject to a fine not less than 5 cents nor more than 10 cents.

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